transmission time depends on availability on manpower, resources and *inter-sepriority* of programme requirement.

Privatisation of Prasar Bharti

1559. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to partially privatise or joint-venturise the operations of the Prasar Bharti;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the six-member Committee appointed to lay down guidelines and a road map to prepare Prasar Bharti to adapt to new technologies and the shift in broadcast paradigms has submitted its report; and

(d) if so, the details of the recomendations made and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) A group of six officers has been constituted by Prasar Bharti to examine the feasibility of privatization/joint venturisation of Metro Channel.

(c) No such committee has been consitituted by Prasar Bharti.

(d) Does not arise.

Cases investigated by CBI on telecasting of DD programmes

†1560. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cases related with the programmes being telecast by Doordarshan are being investigated by CBI;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.